



## The Edmonds of Silver Water

For many people of today they think of Clarence Edmonds as that gentleman living at the Manitoulin Lodge, an author of many stories and a multitude of poems. The baby in this photo is Clarence, now better known as 'Pete'.

This picture is of Mr. and Mrs. Authur Edmonds and their son Clarence.



**-Local Items-****-April 1929-**

Mr. Geo. Hammond of Kagawong made a business trip to town Monday.

H.E. Haner of Spring Bay spent Friday of last week in Gore Bay.

Mr. David Sloss made a trip to Providence Bay on Monday.

Mr. Chas. Prior of Long Bay was in town Monday.

Mrs. R.J. Winter went East last week. She is spending a week or two in Toronto and Gait.

Mr. Neil Gilchrist and Peter of Grimesthorpe were visitors in town on Friday last.

Mr. Geo. Cranston of Spring Bay made a business trip to town on Friday last.

Messrs. A. Ainslie and E. Williams of Elizabeth Bay were in town Friday of last week.

Miss Jessie Clarke left on Sunday morning for Virginia where she has accepted a position in a hospital.

Messrs. Thos. Allan and Jim Armstrong of Barrie Island spent Monday in town.

Mr. Sam Cole of Cookstown writes that they enjoy the Recorder very much as it is just like a letter from home every week.

Mr. Truman Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. George Dearing and Miss Jessie Wilson of Ice Lake were visitors in town on Saturday of last week.

Miss Margaret Wright is taking the part of Ruth Winn in a four act drama, 'Home Ties' that the Dramatic Club of Thessalon are putting on in Thessalon on April 20.

Misses Frances and Margaret Chisholm entertained their young friends on Friday

evening last. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing.

This week sees the end of the small pox in Gore Bay. Messrs. Frank and Tommy Porter, Charlie Snow, Sandy Campbell and Cleve Panton have been out since Sunday and Rev. McColeman gets out of quarantine today.

The Ladies Aid of the United Church are having a sale of home made baking, candy and ice cream on Saturday, April 17, at Lehman's store sale commemorates at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Junior Hockey Team gave a Box Social and Dance in the Gamey Hall on Friday last. There were about 40 boxes and baskets which brought good prices, Mr. Gibson keeping the bidding and brisk throughout. The dancing continued until 3:30. In the morning and everyone declared it one of the best dances of the season. The proceeds were \$150.00.

Mr. R.F. Humphrey of Montreal, representing the Fairbanks Morse Co. was in town on Friday last and informed us that Mr. D.M. Sloss was now the sole distributor for his firm's power and light plant on the Island. A series of electros will appear in this paper shortly illustrating and setting forth the advantages of their celebrated power plant.

Dr. J.B. Reynolds of the Manitoba Agricultural College has been appointed President of the Ontario Agricultural College to succeed Dr. G.C. Creelman who has resigned the position to become Ontario Agent.

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## A hunting we will go

Catherine (Gordon) McQuarrie, formerly of Providence Bay and now of Little Current, submitted this picture of 1910. The three men are off to hunt at Providence Bay. The picture was not too clear like many older pictures, but we thought it should be published anyway.

Who are they? There is Archie Ward of Wiarton, John Gordon of Providence Bay and Bob Gladstone of Wiarton.

## Road Makers

We hold too lightly that great debt we owe  
To uncouth ancestors that long ago  
Wore with their naked feet the forest track,  
And wanderers who on the camels' back  
Ploughed through the desert waste; the  
Roman lord  
Whose roads sleep yet beneath the English  
sword;  
Old mariners who traced from shore to  
shore  
The deep with roads invisible... Their lore  
Built greater than they knew, that so our  
feet  
Tread now the road to Beauty, and the  
street  
That winds to Knowledge. These had never  
been  
Without their toil, and earth had never seen  
That company of Mighty Ones who trod  
A road intangible: the road to God.

## Give Me

"Give me a good digestion, Lord, and also  
something to digest.  
Give me a healthy body, Lord, with sense  
enough to keep it at its best.  
Give me a healthy mind, good Lord, to  
keep the good and pure in sight,  
Which, seeing sin, is not appalled, but  
finds a way to set it right.  
Give me a mind that is not bound, that  
does not whimper, whine or sigh.  
Don't let me worry overmuch about the  
fussy thing called I.  
Give me a sense of humor, Lord; give me  
the grace to see a joke.  
To get some happiness out of life and pass  
it on to other folk."



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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick was the patron saint of Ireland who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isle 1,500 years ago. He is also credited in legend to have driven the snakes from Ireland and gave the shamrock a fame of its own in Erin.

St. Patrick's Day, like many of our Christian celebrations, is steeped in tradition and mystery. Some historians claim March 17 is the birth date of the Irish Saint, while others claim the date as the anniversary of his death.

Even his place of birth is disputed. Scotland, England, France and Wales all lay claim to this distinction, according to researchers.

Historical records of the era are all but impossible to obtain, but the most prevalent belief is that he was born of a Royal Family in England near the Severn River, somewhere between 389 and 372 A.D. Though Britain was at the time a Roman Province, his early education was probably Christian.

When he was about 16, he was kidnapped and held in bondage by a band of marauders. He was sold into slavery in Ireland and became a swineherd, gain-

ing knowledge of Irish customs and the people during his seven-year stay before he escaped.

He made his way to Gaul and then to the monastery at Lerins where he spent a few years. He then returned to his home and became a deacon, a priest and finally a bishop. However, he was eager to do missionary work in Ireland and was granted authority to do so by Pope Celestine.

His first act on returning





to Ireland was to find his old master and buy his freedom. He also converted him. His life in Erin was said to have been full of labor and strife as he tried to overthrow the Druidical lacking fish. It was said a Druid's kettle never boiled and bogs finally swallowed the Druids themselves.

He is credited with several miracles. One legend tells of the Saint and his followers on a cold mountain with no fire. St. Patrick told his disciples to gather a pile of ice and snowballs. He breathed on them and they burst into a blazing fire.

His most famous miracle was to drive the snakes from the soil of Ireland. It is said he made the soil destructive to the reptiles and all left the country except one. St. Patrick then made a box and asked the snake to enter, persuading it that this was a new and comfortable home. When the snake entered the box, St. Patrick closed the lid and threw the box into the sea.

The truth of this miracle has been debated around the world, and every argument against it is always answered by the question: "Have you ever seen a snake in Ireland?"

The symbolism of the shamrock is another antiquity from the life of the Saint. It is said he used the

plant when preaching to the pagan Irish. The three leaves represented the Trinity.

St. Patrick's Day ceremonies were first held in 1737 by a charitable Irish society. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick began observing the day in 1780 and it was first celebrated by expatriate Irishmen in New York in 1784. Incidentally, the first president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York was a Presbyterian.





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post of Flat Point, Bay of Islands [see photo of that area in this issue of Through the Years], north of present day Little Current. This locality did not suit him and in the spring of 1820 he decided to move down to Shebahonaning.

He planted there the seed of the Catholic religion as the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed were recited for the first time on the evening of his arrival to his new home with his family.

#### The Founder of Killarney

Stephen Augustin Rochbert de la Morandiere was married to Josephte Sai-sai-go-no-kwe (the Woman of Falling Snow) about the year 1800.

Although Stephen and Josephte had ten children, none of them were born in Killarney. Because of the trading business that Stephen was involved in, his travels took him to such places as Michigan, Drummond Island and Spanish River. His youngest child Fred was born at the latter place in 1828.

The Spanish River area was a busy centre for many decades because of the proximity of the North West Company's (later Hudson Bay Company's) post at nearby LaCloche.

A daughter, Julia, married Jean-Baptiste Rousseau in 1835. This couple visited Killarney on different occasions and some of their descendants eventually made their home there.

A son, Charles, was one of the best-known de la Morandieres around Killarney. He was born at Mackinaw, in 1816 and later married Josephte Shepherd in Penetanguishene when he was 19 years old. Charles died a few years after the turn of this century.

#### Assisted His Father

When Charles was 14, in 1830 he and his older brothers assisted their father in his business. They did this by travelling among the First Nation people to gather furs throughout the vast forest of the north Georgian Bay. Charles was a great voyageur (traveller) in his younger years and knew the shore territory from the French River to the Thessalon area, and inland to present-day Whitefish Lake near Sudbury.

Few knew the shoreline from Penetanguishene to Sault Ste. Marie better than Charles. He was often employed as pilot on the steamer GORE and other boats that travelled between those places, his obituary noted.

#### Interpreter, Storekeeper, School Teacher

When he was 25, in 1841, Mr. de la Morandiere accepted a position as school teacher at Wikwemikong also acting as First Nation interpreter for Thomas Gummarsall Anderson, the Government's Native Agent at Manitowaning. For the next several years, he was at St. Joseph's Island and then Detour, Michigan.

By 1857, Charles was back in Killarney where he began a carpenter and blacksmith shop. A few years later, he started up a small store where [in 1995] the liquor store is now located. His store was used by the Dominion Fish Company in later years as an oil shed. He had a sign on his store that read "Today For Cash and Tomorrow for Nothing".

Charles built the first Church in Killarney which later became Joseph Roque's residence. [Joseph's father Ferdinand Roque first came to the Manitoulin Island - Killarney area in the 1830's with the Catholic priest Jean Baptiste Proulx.

[An earlier issue of Through the Years had information on them. B.P.]